



RECEIVED

SEP 10 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CENTER 1600/2900

APPLICANT(S) : PICKAR, J.
SERIAL NO. : 09/808,878
FILED : March 15, 2001
TITLE : HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY
ART UNIT : 1617
EXAMINER : M. Bahar

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the above-referenced application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14.

Please amend claims 7, 11, 12 and 69 as set forth below:

7. (Amended) A method of treating or inhibiting vasomotor symptoms in a perimenopausal, menopausal, or postmenopausal woman in need thereof, which comprises orally providing to said woman continuously and uninterruptedly over the treatment period, a combination of conjugated equine estrogens, USP and a daily dosage of about 1.5 mg of medroxyprogesterone acetate, wherein the daily dosage of conjugated equine estrogens is between about 0.45 mg and about 0.3 mg.

11. (Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the daily dosage of conjugated equine estrogens, USP is about 0.3 mg.